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# THE WAY I SEE IT

John Dodge

For the past month or so, the enquiry into the Millhaven tear-gassing has been going on with little difference in the excuses for the November 3, 1975 tear-gassing than any of the reasons given in previous atrocities.

It has been reported that there has been tear gas used only twelve times since Millhaven opened in April 1971. It would have been more truthful if they had said, twelve times in a month or two.

I was on the receiving end of tear gas many times at Millhaven and either my teacher taught me the wrong way to count when I went to school or the staff at Millhaven are as unfamiliar at mathematics as they are on how to act in a humane manner.

The very first day Millhaven opened after the K.P. riot, the custodial staff, along, with members of the administration set the standards (2)

on how this brand - new, obsolete, hell-hole was going to be run.

As members of the O.P.P. and some of the Armed Force personnel (drivers of the army buses which were used as transportation from KP) looked on, the inmates were forced to run a gauntlet of stick - swinging custodial staff.

Let's also not forget the other beatings that were administered and the tear-gassings that have happened since Millhaven opened.

Of course, as always, the public is not told the truth as to what happens and it has been reported that the inmates attacked the staff, but what wasn't emphasized, was that the gassing took place before the fight and the fight occurred in another part of the building! Where are the reports on the fights between staff or when one director who phoned a Toronto



newspaper reporter and told him not to come in to one of the inmate meetings for fear the staff would book off sick after threatening to do so. They didn't want the conditions in the prison exposed to the public.

The beating of inmates cannot be denied when one inmate settled out of court for \$3,500. over the beating he received. (But of course this was kept hushed)

Segregation? Yes, I know about that too. That is where you are issued a pair of wool socks, coveralls & a pair of shorts once a week and can also shave once a week and shower if the guards find time to set aside their card games and chit chat. It's also possible that a half an hour exercise a day might be allowed if the guards can get around to it.

An inmate can be sent to the "hole" (Environmental Control Area) which is also the home of the Chinese cell for a silly reason like not having their coat buttoned while the guard writing the

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N.B. John Dodge has taken over from George Watson as Editor.

charge has his coat wide open.

For a bed, a bunch of two by four boards bolted together like an old butcher's table and two blankets and the same clothing as in segregation.

All inmates in segregation at Millhaven have now been sent to K.P. after this latest tear gassing and one guard is quoted as saying, "That's the best thing that ever happened to this prison, getting rid of those inmates to Kingston". unquote.

I, for one, agree, but not for the same reason but because Millhaven is a hell-hole, and always will be, because of the way it is run by the custodial staff.

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A person who lives off the avails of prostitution is called a pimp;

A person who lives off the avails of crime is called a criminal;

A person who lives off the avails of human misery is called a prison guard.

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# BECOMING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY?

J. Diver

I have often heard this phrase used in prison. What does it mean? "Become members of Society"? What society? - the one that sits on its backside and suffers the injustices of high unemployment, bad housing, poverty, little or no community or recreational facilities, inflation, etc.?

The governments, both local and national, debate whether or not to spend X million of dollars on a new subway extension and at the same time people in this country are living in slums. They talk about buying new planes for the air force while we have the problems of unemployment, inflation, etc. Are the MP's (who are supposed to be representing the people) blind? Do they not realize that we are the inmates of these prisons because of our rejection of the system as it is.

Then when we commit a crime we are dubbed as anti-social and in need of rehabilitation. They attempt to mould us into persons who will live in, and take a part in, a system which we cannot accept. We realize we have done wrong and must pay for our crimes. The law makers must try to understand the real, under the surface, reason for our going astray and they must work to alleviate these reasons. For instance, and I'm sure statistics would prove it, in areas of high unemployment, the crime rate is higher than in areas with less unemployment. In areas where there is bad housing conditions and lack of community facilities, the crime rate is higher. If, and when the government seriously attempts to solve these problems, then, I'm sure the crime rate would be drastically reduced.



The ordinary working class guy on the street goes and votes for the parliamentary candidate of his choice, then he goes home, and in most cases, forgets all about it. He expects the M.P. to make all his decisions. He thinks of him as a kind of demi-god who can't make a mistake. The M.P. is only there to express the wishes of his supporters, not his own personal wishes or the views of his party. Ordinary people must become more involved in the country's major decisions and not leave them to a handful of people in power.

I have often heard people talking about the U.S.A. and the amount of control it exerts in Canadian industry, but they don't take any positive action, they just keep on talking. They should be telling the government, their representative in the world, to stop this exploitation of these industries and to nationalize them. This is a big problem because Canada is, after all, under the protectivewing of Uncle Sam. Can we do without him? If something could be done, then the profits which once went into U.S. coffers

could be used to alleviate some of the pressing problems this country is facing. Some of the persons I have talked to say, "But you can not tell the government what to do." I can't understand what they mean, to me, we are the government. We put the men in power where they are, we tell them what to do, they don't tell us. Although, sometimes it does not work out like that. These authorities tell us we are here not to be punished but to be rehabilitated. If their interpretation of the word is, "to be a yesman to social injustice" then I can assure them that they cannot succeed. Even I would take an active part in a society that stands up against injustices. I would take part in a society which does not turn a blind eye to its problems. When society treats its wrongdoers with respect and leaves them dignity, then in turn, they will receive respect and the wrongdoer will become involved in the society and help to solve its problems. There will be no changes in the problem of crime, housing, unemployment, inflation, etc. until the community becomes actively involved in helping the government solve them. If the government is left

to putter about on their own, then things can only become worse. Go out, get involved in the party of your choice, but get involved, don't just talk about it. Maybe if there were some basic changes like this, the inmates in the prisons would be proud to work hard to become part of it again.

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YOU THINK YOU'VE  
GOT IT BAD?

Haloo there my fellow residents. Spring is almost sprung and I wish I could say the same for myself. I've got a while to go yet, I'm doing eight years. Now that may not seem so long to some of you lifers, but I was only sentenced to two but the judge was a stutterer. Of all the judges in Ontario, I had to get the only one who had to say ta-ta-ta-two, four times before he got it out!

But I've been unlucky almost all my life. The first car I ever owned? An Edsel of course...and my last, yep, a Bricklin! What more can I say?

The last time I was out for

an election I voted for the Liberals. Now they're trying to cut down on paroles and do away with statutory remission.

I put in for a T.A. and was taken in front of the board in handcuffs and leg irons. Guess what the answer was when they stopped splitting their sides and rolling around on the floor in laughter?

I wrote for a parole and the application came back stamped, "No such address". So then I wrote to my lawyer to complain about the situation and was called up to V&C to be told that I couldn't write to inmates of other institutions.

I joined the Prayer Group in the institution and they brought in a priest to do an exorcism.

But I haven't given up. I'm sure my luck is due for a change when I get out..... in May of 1969.

Chuck Armstrong

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The darkest hour has but sixty minutes.

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## JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

### SUGGESTS DRASTIC CHANGES IN PRISON

#### SEGREGATION

In a recent Brief to the Federal Solicitor General, through the Vantour Committee, the John Howard Society of Ontario called for a drastic reduction in the use of "solitary confinement" in Canadian Penitentiaries for administrative control purposes, new means of protecting certain prisoners and several new procedures and limits on the internal punishment system in institutions.

On the basis of today's regulations, the Brief says it is possible for an inmate to spend every day of his prison life in administrative dissociation on the basis of an original decision by the prison's director and continuing monthly confirmation by prison staff junior to the Director.

Administrative dissociation may be given for any act that "prejudices the discipline or good order of the institution" without a more specific charge or

may be requested by the inmate himself.

Punitive dissociation to a maximum of 30 days may be assessed for the contravention of prison regulations. Following this sentence, it is not unusual for an inmate to continue in administrative dissociation for a substantial period of time. The number of people in administrative dissociation greatly exceeds those in punitive dissociation, the Brief says.

It also suggests that no sentence should be longer than 10 days or should begin without a doctor's consent; no one who is mentally defective, physically ill or has psychiatric problems should be given dissociation and those in dissociation should be under the continuing surveillance of a Registered Nurse.

The "awesome powers" of prison Directors in the dissociation should be



markedly reduced, Disciplinary Courts should be convened under specially appointed judges, following normal procedures, including representation, for the settling of serious offences against prison regulations. When violations of the law are tried in outside courts, future proceedings within the prison related to those charges should be prohibited.

The Brief suggests that, to limit abuse of dissociation, regulations, directives, institutions and standing orders should be consolidated into a legally enforceable public document. It should include details of how dissociation is to be used, the operation and conditions of the dissociation area as well as the responsibilities and rights of both inmates and staff. The possibility of establishing an independent body for long - term, full-time observation of penitentiary dissociation areas should be explored.

At the present time, dissociation areas are often used for inmates requiring protective custody and others who must "get away" from the pressures of the

prison population for a short time - the two groups are kept separate. The Brief suggests that special living areas and programmes be established for those two groups so they will not be required to be segregated in punitively-oriented living areas. The establishing of these areas plus the reduction in the use of administrative dissociation might reduce dissociation populations by as much as 75% it is felt.

The John Howard Society says, "It is hard to imagine a social situation which holds, simultaneously, greater potential for the abuse of power and the destruction of human dignity than a "society of captives", some of whom have to be protected from fellow prisoners, some of whom require controls to maintain a sense of order and some of whom receive additional punishment for violations of institutional rules.

Both keeper and kept must endure human stresses that most of us can't appreciate especially if the special measures of protection, control and discipline remain isolated from public view, public knowledge and



public accountability.

Because for many years, the dissociation area has been the place where the administration held the prison society's outcasts and radicals, because it was the place where corporal punishment was administered because inmates have been and are being abused in dissociation, because it is a closed institution within a closed system, the dissociation area has an evil reputation. A reduction in the numbers dissociated will not immediately dispel its longstanding disrepute.

The John Howard Society of Ontario is a private organization of citizens who acknowledge their responsibility for understanding and dealing with the problems of crime and the Criminal Justice system.

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N.B. The Brief was completed in September 1975 and given to the Vantour Committee in October.

With a recent Supreme Court ruling in British Columbia, I wonder if indeed, this Brief will not end up in a waste paper basket in dear old Ottawa.

## QUOTES ON MILLHAVEN BY

CLAYTON RUBY  
CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER

Millhaven is austere, mechanical, machine-like, designed to hold machines and units, not men. The doors all open and shut, everything is efficient - like a building in 1984.

"We don't reform, we don't deter - we brutalize men and drive them crazy".

"When they come out they are meaner, harder, more determined and brutalized."

"Our prisons have created a dangerous criminal class."

"And Millhaven is one of the worst."

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## N O T I C E

Canteen slips will not be accepted by the Accounting Office any later than 1200 hours on the Tuesday following canteen issue, nor will slips be issued or filled on canteen issue day.

This notice is effective immediately.



# SUSPICION OF SECRECY

Chuck Armstrong

One of the things I've found the hardest to accept about living under the conditions that we do is the aura of secrecy.

From the moment we set foot in good old K.P. to start the 'bit', a file is kept on each and everyone of us. And do we ever see what's in this ever enlarging folder that 'big brother' keeps so close to his chest? Do we ever get the chance to see and perhaps challenge this potpourri of supposedly accurate information about ourselves?

We all know the answer. No. And why? Why can't we see what different persons, some not even having met us, have said about us? If we learned that some shrink has classified us as say, a paranoid schizophrenic with manic depressive symptoms (whatever the hell that is) would this really bring down the system?

Recently I had a conversation with one of the assistant directors about why inmates are forbidden in the classification area during certain hours. I won't embarrass Mr. Markowski by mentioning his name, but he told me that even he likes to carry on conversations concerning confidential matters in the hallways of the classification dept. and it sometimes bothers him that inmates could overhear. What are they afraid we'll hear? Is it information about ourselves, other inmates, or that we'll hear them talking about another staff member? We all know what they think of one another so it couldn't be that!

And the TA board, how many times have men been told "we can't give you a TA because we don't know you well enough"? Hell, they can trace your second cousin back on your father's side four generations. They know



you have a small mole on the left cheek of your rear end. They know that at 3:09 .6 seconds a.m. that night who you'll be dreaming about. But they don't know you well enough! They never tell you, you can't have a TA because they know you too well! But that's usually the reason.

How many men have been sent to the 'hole' for suspicion? Suspicion of doing this or suspicion of doing that? One man spent several days in dissociation recently for "being under the influence of what the officer believed to be marijuana". He was acquitted for a change in warden's court but he should never have been charged in the first place. How long would a police force last on the outside if they kept arresting people for suspicion?

Where does all this suspicion come from? Is it in our files?

Anyway, I suspect I've said enough for one time.

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There is only one step from fanaticism to barbarism.

- Denis Diderot -

## NOBODY IS PERFECT

Each one of us is a mixture of good qualities and some perhaps not-so-good qualities. In considering our fellow man we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults only prove that he is, after all, a human being. We should refrain from making harsh judgement of a person just because he happens to be a dirty, rotten, no-good son-of-a-bitch.

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## HOW DO YOU RECONCILE IT?

Society has a funny set of so-called values.

They scream for the return of capital punishment for people committing murder - than make a martyr out of a doctor who killed over 5,000 unborn children, and made a million dollars doing it! They will send an 18-year-old to prison for five years for breaking into a warehouse, even if he is caught inside and doesn't steal anything - but will let a drunken driver off with only a small fine for killing a couple of children with his car. Just who is sick?

# SECOND THOUGHTS

Merv. Gracey

I can still remember the surge of excitement as I sat in the Canadian Immigration office in Belfast listening to the officer in charge as he described life in Canada and all its benefits to me.

I sat in awe as he showed me colour photographs of Canadian scenic beauty, the lakes, the mountains, and the wild life.

When I made enquiries as to the employment situation, he hastened to show me, yet more colour photos.

There was one showing a man in a tartan-coloured shirt cutting down trees with an enormous ax, another one depicted a bunch of lumberjacks balancing precariously on logs which were floating on a river. Another one showed a happy group of people dancing the polka

and last, but not least, a photo of a mountie sitting on an immaculate brown horse. That clinched it for me. I sold everything I owned in Belfast and headed for the Land of the Maple Leaf.

I arrived at Toronto International Airport and that's when I had my first illusion shattered. I had expected the aircraft to land on some small airstrip in the outback, to be met by friendly settlers, but instead, the first person I met was a gum-chewing Customs Officer who spoke with an Italian accent, accompanied by other Latin-looking officials.

I remember glancing at the signs on the walls, thinking that maybe the aircraft had landed in Milan or Rome. But as I stood in the airport terminal, I could hear



other people talking and they were speaking in French, so maybe this was Paris or Algiers?

After being assured that the plane hadn't landed in the wrong country, I was taken by car to my new home which was about five miles from the airport.

The car ride was an experience in itself. I immediately observed that the cars were driven on the right-hand side of the road compared to the left-hand side in Ireland.

Everybody and everything on the highway seemed to be hell - bent on committing suicide. The drivers' motto seemed to be "Get from point A to point B as fast as possible and to Hell with the consequences!"

It took a few hours and quite a few whiskeys to bring my nerves into some semblance of order after the short trip.

One of the first sights to greet me on a trip down Yonge Street was a musical group singing Irish songs and collecting money for 'Old Ireland'. I wanted to meet these singers and tell them that I had just arriv-

ed from the Old Country but to my dismay, I discovered that two of the group were Italian, two were Polish and the remaining member came from Detroit, although he swore that his grandfather was born in Dublin.

Since I came to Canada, I have learned quite a lot about Canadian people and their attitudes. For instance, in Ireland, a person who appears in court charged with "speeding" is someone who has been careless while driving their car, but in Canada, it means that someone has been careless with a hypodermic needle!

What would be termed "sexual perversion" back home is labelled "being broad-minded" over here.

The institution of marriage seems to be on its last legs in Canada. So whenever anyone told me "they were going home to the wife", I didn't know whether they mean't their legal wife, their common-law wife or my wife!

Yes, It's a strange and wonderful country and I think I am going to miss it when I return to Ireland in a few months - and I have

one last thing to say - I polka, but I sure as Hell  
never did get to see any did get to see those mount-  
guys chopping down trees or ies!  
those people dancing the

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### THE IRISH CLERGY

The bells are tolling loudly,  
Commanding the faithful to come.  
To listen, while a hypocrite  
Beats the sectarian drum.

Some seek absolution,  
To ease their daily living.  
They seek forgiveness for their deeds,  
From one who needs forgiving.

And soon, they are contented,  
Each one, his conscience clear.  
Sectarian slaughter can resume  
Without remorse or fear.

The bells are still and silent,  
The pulpit stands deserted.  
The faithful flock have all gone home,  
Their faith and lives perverted.

M. Gracey.



## WOMAN AT THE WINDOW

There's a woman at a window  
In a Belfast street.  
With a child in her arms,  
And one at her feet.

She stares through the glass,  
At the chaos around,  
At the smoke-filled sky,  
And the blood-stained ground.

She weeps and she moans,  
As she sways to and fro,  
For they buried her husband,  
Just two days ago.

The street where he died,  
Was the street where he'd grown.  
Shot down by a bigot,  
Of a faith not his own.

She stands at her window,  
Her sorrows are plenty,  
Two fatherless children,  
And a widow at twenty.

M. Gracey

# THE NEW POLICY ?

G. Watson

(A Tale Of Fiction???)

The secretary had just finished placing the chairs around the large, square table when the telephone rang. It was the switchboard operator notifying her that the parole board were on their way to the office. She only had time enough to fill three jugs with martinis before the board members entered the room.

They were led by the chairman who was dressed in a colourful, flowing robe. It wasn't that he was particularly religious but because of his position. He played God with penitentiary inmates' freedom so he figured he may as well dress accordingly. He was carrying a package which he placed at his feet when he sat down at the head of the table. There was a picture of the Last Supper hanging

on the wall. His picture replaced the one representing Jesus.

The other members were a mixed bunch. There was an ex-police chief, a former prison psychologist and a former prison classification officer who was effeminate.

After the members had all taken their places at the table, the chairman spoke. "I had dinner and drinks with the president of the Bankers' Association last night and he expressed his concern about the paroling of bank robbers. He is strongly opposed to any bank robbers being paroled. I had a further discussion this morning with the beautiful young lady he had provided for me "to pass the evening with", Ha, Ha, and she emphasized, delight-



fully, why it would be beneficial to us not to parole any of these terrible men. I should also tell you that the Banker's Association has donated \$25,000 to our Special Summer Fund. I have been convinced to go along with their request. How do you feel about this matter?"

"We agree with you 25,000 times," echoed the other three members.

Turning to the homosexual member of the board, the chairman said, "I have given consideration to your request that you handle all of the sex deviate applications and have decided to grant you your request."

"Oh goody," cooed the queer. "I guess you could say I will be in charge of Gay Liberation."

"I have been receiving pressure from the insurance companies not to parole any more car thieves but I have also been receiving pressure from the car manufacturers to release them all. Have any of you any suggestions on which course of action we should take?"

"I think we should judge each case on an individual

basis," answered the ex-psychologist.

"Who is the best looking?" asked the effeminate one.

"Who contributed the most to our Summer Fund?" asked the ex-cop.

Turning to the ex-cop, the chairman replied, "the car manufacturers."

"I vote to release all car thieves," yelled the cop.

"We agree," chorused the other two.

"I see where a policeman killed his wife and her lover," said the ex-shrink.

"Parole him!" screamed the ex-chief.

"We can't very well do that," replied the chairman. "He hasn't served any time in prison yet."

"But you have him in jail with all those killers and thieves," protested the cop. "He probably just tripped and his gun went off accidentally."

"He shot his wife four times including twice in the back and her lover five times",

interjected the psychologist.

"Yes, but accidents happen" said the cop. "Besides, those kidnappers were paroled long before they were eligible and their crime was passed off as a 'childish prank'. We could pass this wonderful policeman's crime off as a 'domestic spat'."

"We will give him Day Parole immediately," replied the chairman.

"I beg your pardon, Sir," interrupted the secretary, "but those lifetime passes to the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey games finally arrived. There was just a short note with them. It said: 'for favours received.'"

"I wish it had been the owner of the Montreal Canadiens who had been in trouble," growled the cop. "They play better hockey".

Reaching down to his feet, the chairman picked up the package he had brought with him and slowly unwrapped it. "The inmates in the penitentiary always say 'they are going to take a chance and write for parole'

well, from now on, they will be telling the truth." He held up the contents of the package for the others to see. It was a dart board.

"From today on, a member of this board will be selected for each case. He will throw a dart and if it lands on any number but 13, parole will be denied. If it lands on thirteen, we will grant parole. Thirteen being an unlucky number. Any member whose dart lands on thirteen will be suspended from any decision making for a week. I would suggest that each member of the board purchase a board of their own so that not too many mistakes will occur."

"What about bank robbers?" asked the police chief.

"We don't even throw the dart," was the reply.

Because it was the chairman's idea, he had the honour of throwing the dart which would decide the first case. The case was that of a safecracker serving seven years. The chairman stood up, flexed his arm a few times, closed one eye and carefully aimed at the dart board. He threw the dart and it landed on



number six! With a triumphant smile on his face, he resumed his seat amid a strong round of applause from the other members.

Turning to his secretary, he told her, "Inform the inmate that after great deliberation, the 'board' has decided that he will not be granted parole at this time."

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### A RED HERRING

In the same way that the Liberal government in Ottawa is using an emotional issue like Capital Punishment to keep the public's attention away from more important issues like unemployment, inflation, etc. Similarly, they are making a fuss over the introduction of gun control legislation about to be introduced.

Is anyone really stupid enough to believe that a person going on an armed robbery goes shopping at the nearest gun store to buy a gun?

Pistols have always required a licence but pistols are sold over the counter in many American States and border crossing is a simple process.

Non-criminals who commit a

murder will still be eligible to purchase a gun and whether the public accepts it or not, most murders are committed by people with no previous criminal record.

There are over 10,000,000 rifles, shotguns, etc., in homes in Canada and these guns are not going to have to be registered.

There were 9 murders in Toronto up to February 16. Four were by shooting; two were by strangulation; one was by beating; one by stabbing and one by a baseball bat.

Does this mean rope will have to be registered and people will have to eat with just a spoon and a fork?

As for the baseball bat, is this why Toronto is not going to get the San Francisco Giants?

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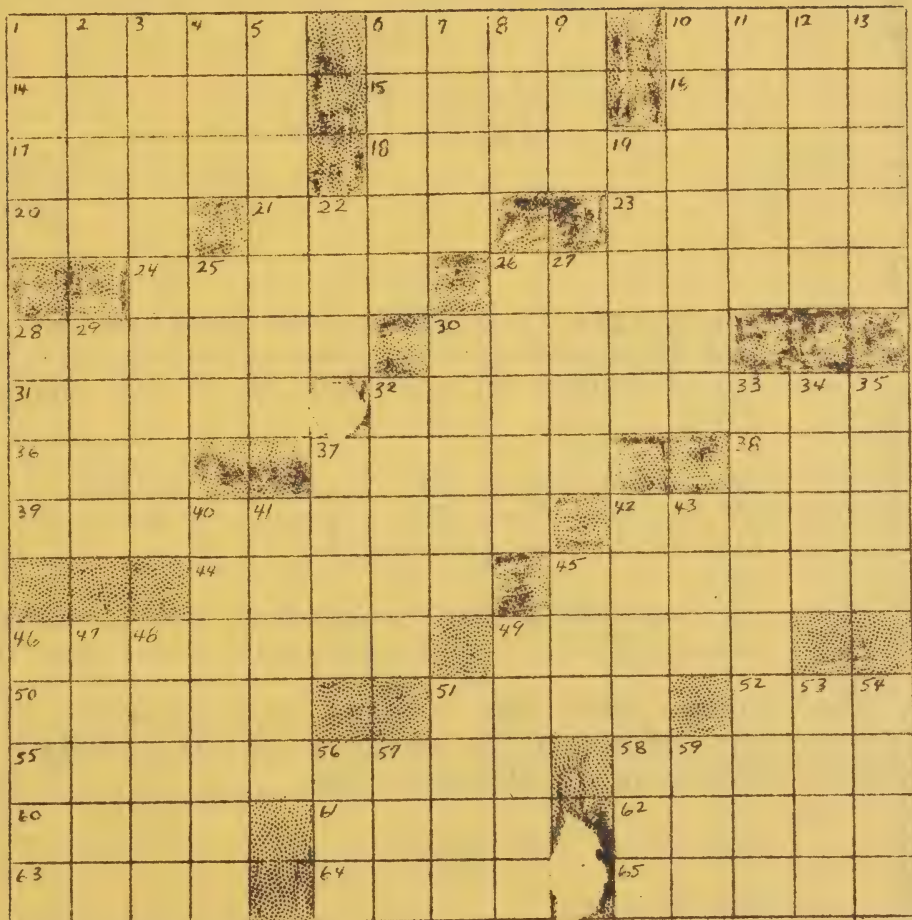
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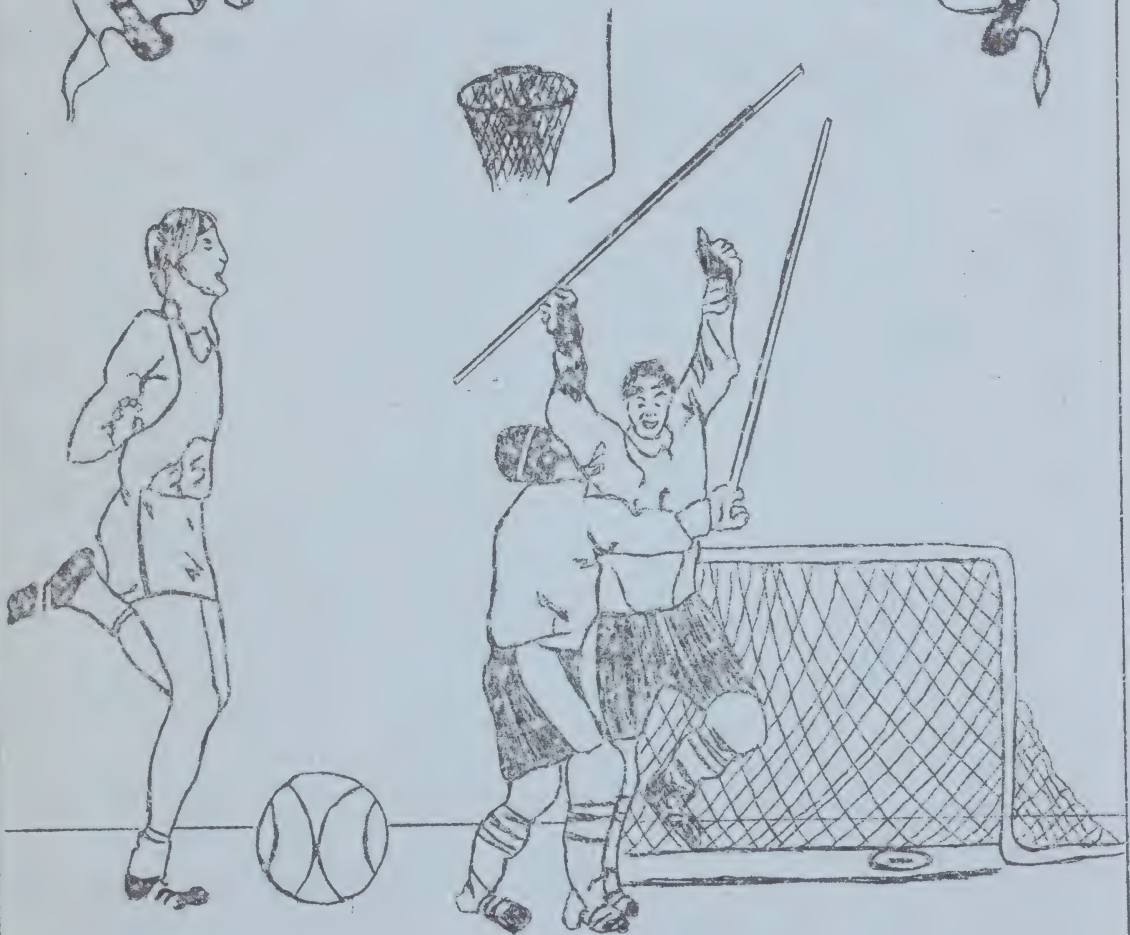
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# SPORTS



# FLOOR HOCKEY

r. molly

The Blue team managed by Donnie Derosie is still holding their comfortable lead as the end of the season draws closer to an end. Although injuries have taken their toll, Donnie seems to always be able to come up with a player or two and other managers are wondering where they come from. Old Two - strikes Barnes is the top defense man on the team and Leo Smith the top scorer of the team.

The second place Red team has all the potential to overcome the few snags they have before the end of the season and walk away with top honours for the season. Bobby Young is the top scorer, not only for this team but of the league with 86 goals and 54 assists Credit also has to go to their goalie, Bobby Lamoureux for the outstanding job he has done.

Of course there is always a team in the cellar and as always, the Green team is

not making any headway in the league.

One of their main problems is that they don't have a big scorer to finish off that passing play that they have mastered. Should the floor hockey commissioner look deep into his bag of goodies and give this team a couple of scorers, it would make a great difference to the team and the league. The most valuable player to the team has to be Danny Worth with John Cadeddu and Ernie George coming next. Let's not forget Donnie (Bad Boots) Ellis, who appears to be getting better as each game goes by. With all the teams eligible for the play-offs, anything can happen.

All in all, the league has to be going rather well even though the standings differ with me.

As for the Refs', hang in there as I know it is tough but you guys are doing great.



(as of February 3rd, 1976)

| <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>GOALS</u> | <u>ASSISTS</u> | <u>POINTS</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| B. Young      | Red         | 86           | 54             | 140           |
| L. Smith      | Blue        | 41           | 51             | 92            |
| R. Mallory    | Red         | 39           | 52             | 91            |
| G. Barnes     | Blue        | 36           | 51             | 87            |
| P. Harper     | Red         | 47           | 35             | 82            |
| J. Gagne      | Blue        | 43           | 9              | 52            |
| R. Marki      | Blue        | 22           | 17             | 39            |
| Guay          | Blue        | 21           | 18             | 39            |
| S. Massie     | Red         | 23           | 13             | 36            |
| R. Kowalaczyk | Blue        | 17           | 19             | 36            |

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| <u>Team</u> | <u>Games Played</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Tied</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Blue        | 24                  | 15         | 6           | 3           | 33            |
| Red         | 25                  | 10         | 11          | 4           | 24            |
| Green       | 25                  | 5          | 16          | 4           | 14            |

# HAMILTON - TORONTO defeats LONDON - WINDSOR

An exhibition floor hockey game between two teams made up of players from the Hamilton - Toronto area defeated a team from the London - Windsor area by the score of 16-12.

The game featured excellent goal-tending on both sides, hard body checks and slick scoring plays.

The Hamilton - Toronto team coached by John (you can't use him, he's not from London) Dodge, overcame a 4-0 early deficit to win the game.

The line of Dave Thurston, Paul Harper and John Cadeddu sparked the winners.

The defense pair of Gary Barnes and Rick Mallory played most of the game and were standouts for the winners. They belted everything in sight.

Stan Massie was the lone casualty, but that could be

expected. Who else, but Stan could get hit by a baseball while standing by the player's bench?

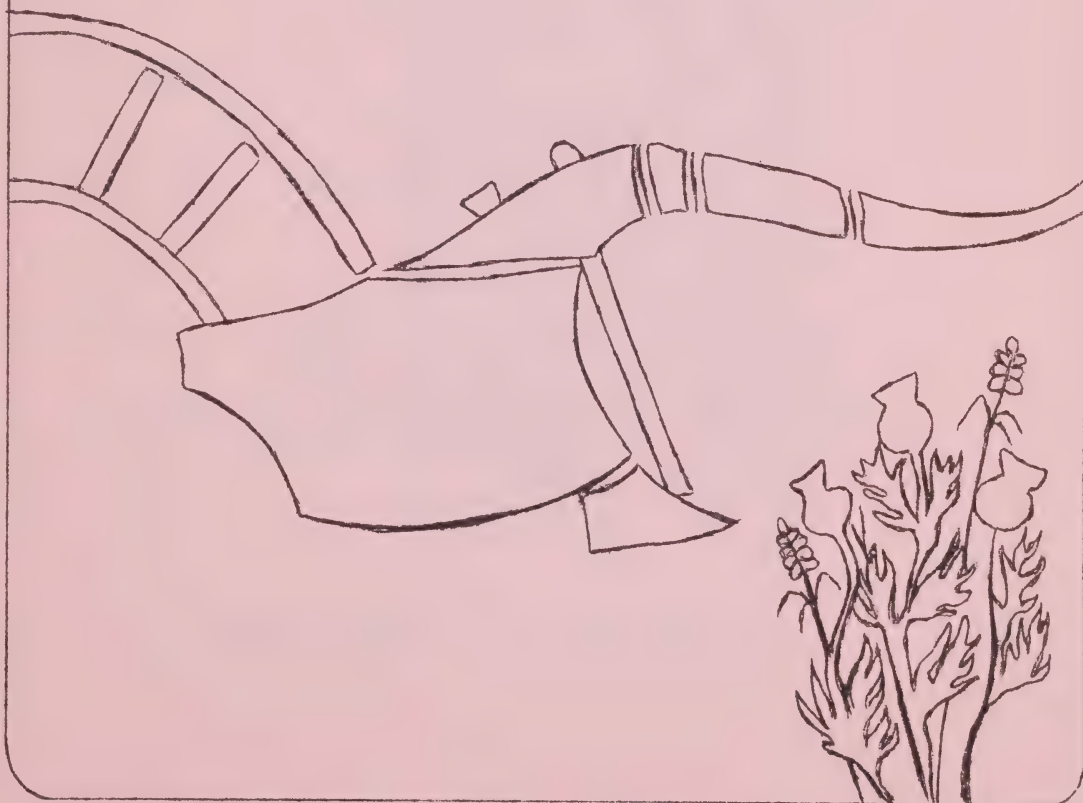
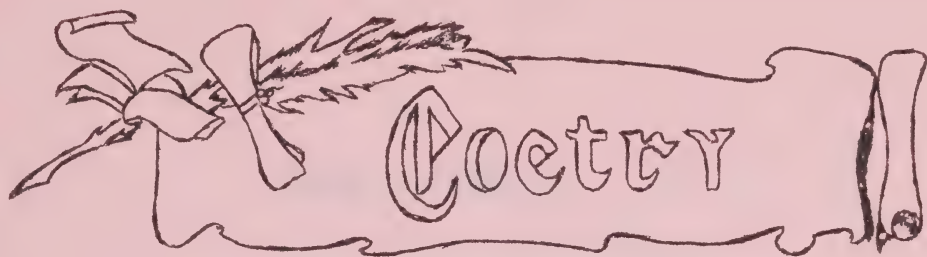
Wayne Hurlburt was shaky at the beginning of the game giving up four quick goals, but settled down and made many superb saves.

Lennie (we want a rematch) Simon, who managed the London - Windsor crew had most of the bigger guys in the joint on his team. The defense of Leo Theriault, Ron Tweedale, Sam Schultz and Wayne Chase clobbered the opposing forwards but they still lost the game.

While it was a rough game, there were very few penalties called.

It was one of the most entertaining games of the year from a viewers standpoint and there were probably more spectators than for any other event in the gym except the movies.





## NOWHERE AGAIN

how i would you not lock us apart  
she is there  
near by is a window  
much the same is the room

how i would you not lock  
the babies away from us

he's turned the key  
1,000 times on me  
gone home to talk  
and play  
being mean to us here  
for more than good pay  
and everybody just thinks  
this is right  
this is the way  
to make each lawbreaker pay  
is this not death  
to a man once knowing spirit  
all here didn't do the same  
yet all the same we she he and they pay  
so that the industry of justice  
and dirty words  
can eat.

Jay Beasley



SHA

what is one  
will be around  
shortly after  
that one realizes  
exactly that

and shortly after  
there will be  
blue  
grey  
orange  
and purple skys  
blue oceans  
green grass  
yellow sun  
then shouting whispering  
calls  
will be  
as the many mirror waves  
of the sea  
and water will be the one  
and salt  
and morrow  
and space  
sha sha mumba

Jay Beasley

Let my dreams grow wings  
and my hopes the pillars  
on sturdy soil  
with roots like oak trees.  
my inspirations;  
let them slide down moon beams  
to the hearts of the young  
who have fallen in love.  
like the pendulum that swings  
and the crystal that vibrates,  
successful cycles....  
I repeat myself.  
my dreams have no wings  
reality tells me  
but reality is fantasy turned inside out  
so my dreams have wings  
and they shall fly  
from the peaks of my mountain  
to the valley of my heart.  
seeds have been planted  
by the thoughts of ideas  
blistered by the rays  
of narrow mindedness,  
frozen to deadness  
by cold staring eyes.  
I seek the dreams and desires of my soul  
to fill my heart  
in a life that is short.  
let none cast shadows  
while pointing at me  
for they themselves  
are just like me.  
oh, what a relief.

K.L.



## THINKING OF JAIL

It has made me more bitter and hasn't done me a world of good.

But I think I'll get involved in the same situation again that caused me to be here.

I don't think this institution has anything

To offer me because they are not going to

Change me. so I'm just stuck here doing time.

Jacques G. Lefevbre

WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN?

When will I see you again  
It's been two years, maybe more  
See you in visions of  
Past memories, can feel  
Your mouth, feel your touch.  
In dreams, I see you as if real  
But I wake up only to find you gone  
Please tell me  
When will I see you again?

Bob Patterson



## BELFAST POLICEMAN

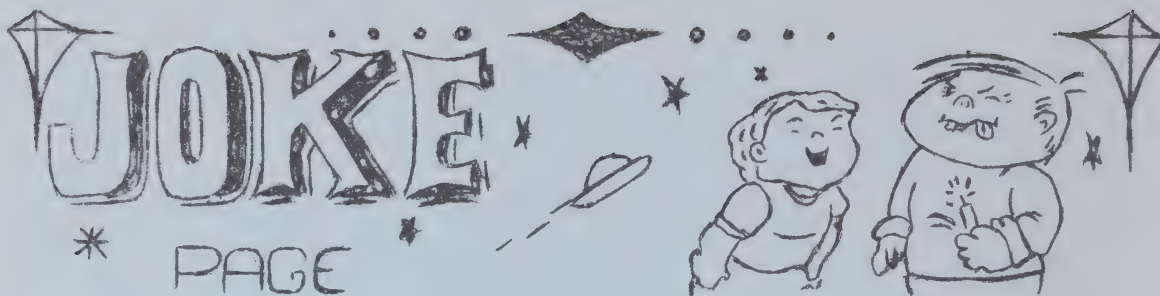
Shady symbol of law,  
Shunned by society.  
Caught in the web of  
His own notoriety.

Outcast in uniform,  
Avoiding the light.  
Who walks in the shadows,  
Whose friend is the night.

He watches, he listens,  
His hand on his gun.  
Suspected by many,  
And trusted by none.

His steps laced with caution,  
His movements discreet.  
No love for policemen,  
On a Belfast street.

Merv. Gracey



A husband is a fellow who only wishes he had as much fun as his woman's lib wife thinks he does.

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A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his congregation, and called upon them one spring evening. After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out, "Is that you, Angel?" "No," replied the minister, "but I'm from the same department."

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An Irishwoman who had reached the age of 102 was giving an interview about her longevity, when one of the reporters asked her if she had ever been bedridden. "Oh yes," she answered, "Many times, me boy - and once on a sleigh."

Gigolo: A hired hand.

The British missionary was trying to convince the Hindu to join Christianity: "Wouldn't you like to go to Heaven when you die?"

"Not me," said the Hindu. "If Heaven were any good - you British would have grabbed it years ago."

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"You know, I think there is something wrong with my boss's eyes."

"How's that?"

"When I went into his office this morning he asked me three times where my hat was - and it was on my head all the time."

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The dress manufacturer sent a letter to one of his customers: Dear Sir: after checking our records, we have carried you six months longer than your mother."



She: "After we are married I will share all your troubles and sorrows."

He: "But I have no troubles and sorrows."

She: "Well you will have after we are married."

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In Israel they have a slogan in the navy that goes: "D'ont give up the ship--- sell it!"

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In all the years I have been married, I've never stopped being romantic --- if my wife finds out, I'm dead.

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Wife: "Why don't you make love like Cary Grant does and all them guys on the movie screen?"

Husband: "Are you kidding?" Do you know how much money those guys are paid to do that?"

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The salesgirl approached the customer in the department store. "What is your pleasure sir?"

"My pleasure is making love but I'm here to buy a hat."

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The shortest distance between two points -- is the route a groom takes when driving his mother-in-home.

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The conceited young man had been in hospital for some time and had been extremely well looked after by the pretty young nurse. "Nurse", said the patient one morning, "I'm in love with you I don't want to get well." "D'ont worry," replied the nurse cheerfully, "you wont. The doctor's in love with me too, and he saw you kissing me this morning."

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Two women were sitting in a night club on a chilly day. When one finished her drink she set her glass down, and said to her companion, "You having another?"

"No, darling," she answered. "It's just the way my coat is buttoned."

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It's easy for her to avoid peeping toms. All she has to do is leave her shades UP!

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# GROUP TACKLES TROUBLE SPOTS

(Reprinted From Whig-Standard)

Problems at Millhaven Institution are so serious that the volunteer citizen committee in the prison would have to work full-time for at least a year to improve the situation according to committee chairman George Ambury.

"It appears to be difficult to administer, a frustrating and sometimes dangerous place to work, and a hell-hole as a place to live," the committee said in a news release.

The committee plans to "get at some of the root causes of discontent and trouble" at Millhaven which it said has the reputation of being one of Canada's most troublesome prisons.

The seven-member committee, four of whom are from Bath and three from Kingston, has selected several areas for concentration, including: The prison school which has been virtually shut down for nearly two years and its staff reduced from three to one.

Trades and training programs which are reportedly inadequate to provide training and accreditation of use to a prisoner on release. Psychiatric services, Staff training, and development which custodial officers say amounts sometimes to a brief initial course, with many years of work before having a chance for further training.

Since its formation three months ago, the committee has been doing "quiet, behind-the-scenes inquiry and discussion" with senior prison officials, inmates and correctional staff.

Mr. Ambury said that instead of head-on confrontation, the committee has chosen a low profile and quiet pressure approach." Formal terms of reference are still being worked out by the committee members and prison officials.

Prison Director John Dowsett named the committee in accordance with a 1973

directive from Ottawa.

Its members are: G. Ambury a professor of education at Queen's University; G.W. (Bill) Ireland, professor of French at Queen's; Patrick Finucan, chairman of the continuing education department at St. Lawrence College; Rev. Bev. Lindsay, Anglican rector in Bath; Arthur Fairfax, Bath storekeeper; Clarence Hegadorn, Reeve of Bath; and Peter McKinnon, Bath area farmer.

Mr. Ambury said that so far the committee has received support and encouragement from prisoners & officials in the prison, regional and national headquarters.

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Ed. Note:  
After all the tear-gassing, beatings, petty charges and other inhumane ways of the everyday life in Millhaven, the question is: are the citizens committee going to be able to straighten it out?

National, Ottawa, Regional Headquarters and the Millhaven administration is reported to support them, but there is no mention of the custodial staff wanting any part of it.

This is really no surprise because the custodial staff have run Millhaven Penitentiary since the first day convicts arrived after the Kingston Penitentiary riot. These guards are going to be the biggest obstacle the citizen's committee are going to have to face.

I for one, agree that a citizens' committee could work if allowed to do so.

One of the main problems is what happens when this committee submits any of their recommendations to Ottawa? Will they suffer the same fate as the Ouimet and the Swackhammer Reports? Is the committee going to receive support or is it just for show?

Time will tell.

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### OPTIMISM

An optimist is a person starting a 20 year sentence in the penitentiary who spends his time reading the Help Wanted Ads in the newspapers.

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# The View From Here

"THE EXPLOITERS"

G. Watson

Many prison inmates released from prison are forced to spend months in a half-way house. In some cases, inmates voluntarily apply for admission to one of these residences. In either case, an inmate's consent to go to a half-way house is considered a positive factor by the parole board.

St. Leonard's Society and Les Ateliers Dominique are two organizations which run houses for ex-convicts.

It is my contention that both of these organizations exploit ex-convicts and do more harm than good.

St. Leonard's, which was founded by an Anglican minister named Father Libby was an excellent half-way house at one time but it has now expanded to an organization with many houses that are run by former penitentiary personnel

and ex-convicts. Les Ateliers Dominique is also run by ex-cons.

The publicized version of the purpose of these houses is "to help the inmate adjust to society". In reality, what they supply is a place for an inmate to stay until he is able to find a place for himself. The price he must pay for this "hotel" is to obey the house rules, which is reasonable but also must attend "counselling sessions" and have the house director and counsellors pry into his personal life.

At outward appearances, it would appear that these houses serve a noble purpose, to help the newly-released inmate - but when it is discovered that the government supplies these houses with +\$12.50 per day for each inmate (\$375.00 a

+ St. Leonard's Houses

month) and the inmate pays rent that ranges up to \$25. per week, any image of nobility kind of fades away.

When one investigates the personnel who run these houses, more scepticism is introduced.

At the St. Leonard's House in Windsor, the person in charge is a former penitentiary employee of Millhaven Penitentiary. He replaced a former classification officer from Joyceville. Like all persons, he has people who praise him and also detractors. It is very unlikely that any of his detractors would apply for admission to his house but to those who have faith in him, he could be very dangerous to their welfare. Being a former prison psychologist weighs favourably with some inmates, and to their regret, they have discovered that he does not hesitate to have their parole revoked and have them sent back to prison, not for breaking any criminal law, but breaking the law of his house or some petty violation of their parole.

To counsel men is an admirable action but to be a policeman without wearing the uniform is contemptible. Men leaving prison need help

not to be sent to a prison to replace the prison they have just been released from.

When a person reads the application form that must be filled out before they are accepted for admission to a St. Leonard's House, one comes to the conclusion that they are reading a report from police headquarters. The only difference is that a copy of fingerprints are not required - yet. And this is just to stay at a place which supplies them with a room and is being well paid for it!

In Toronto, there are two St. Leonard's Houses, one run by a former classification officer from Millhaven and the other by a person who swaggers and describes himself as an ex-con.

The "ex-con", who, in my opinion, has a Napoleonic complex, informs inmates that he has served 18 years in prison. (That, I suppose makes him a good guy). Maybe he has, but he reminds me of the man who had served 3 months in Burwash at one time and was interviewed by radio personnel at the time of the KP riot (I wonder where they dug him up) and because of those 3



months in Burwash, was considered by the newsmen as an expert on the type of guards who were employed at Kingston Penitentiary and knew all about the way cons were treated in KP. This is comparable to interviewing an Air Cadet as to the reasons for the My Lai massacre in Vietnam.

At the house in Hull, Que., which is run by ex-cons, inmates who go there on a three-day temporary absence are required to work eight hours a day for two days at upholstering work. They are also persuaded to work at the upholstery shop there if they are paroled to the house. They are paid wages much lower than the minimum wage. To me, the inmates are being taken advantage of and are being treated as "slave labour". But some consider it better than jail.

The last thing in the world a prisoner leaving prison needs is to go to a place run by former penitentiary personnel or ex-convicts. What is required is a complete divorce from any and all reminders of prison and to be with people who are concerned with helping, not looking for the least excuse to return a man to

prison. Whenever an inmate looks and all he sees is either former prison staff or prisoners, there has to be a reminder of something which he is trying to forget.

A prison affects everyone who comes into contact with it, either staff or inmate. Neither one should ever be permitted to have any power over a released prisoner.

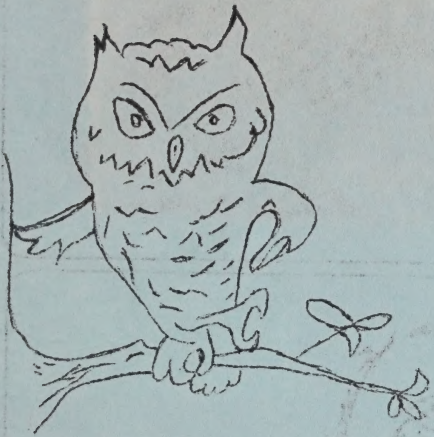
Some prisoners make a big mistake because they feel they can identify with an ex-con because they feel he has gone through what they are going through, and they trust them. Much to their dismay, they find out that the "friendly ex-con" has betrayed their confidence and they find themselves back in jail.

For a former penitentiary employee to work at a half-way house is understandable because it is a position of power but how any former prisoner can sell out and accept a job where they can be responsible for sending another person to jail, is to me - contemptible.

To put it politely, they are potential pigeons - the type that can't fly.

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think about it:

if it is the inmates that are  
responsible for the trouble in  
millhaven - why isn't there  
trouble in the shops?

answer: because there aren't any  
security guards in the  
shops!

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